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Please find enclosed, the media release sent out yesterday.

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# Pattonville Fire Protection District

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## MEDIA RELEASE

Date: August 27, 2013

From: Terry Loehrer, Fire Chief  
William Esterline, Chairman of the Board

Re: West Lake Landfill/Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill Sub-Surface Smoldering Event

This statement from the Pattonville Fire Protection District is to clarify the record on the position of the District, which has been misreported in a number of media accounts:

“At this time, we have not requested that the radioactive material located in the West Lake/Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill be removed. The District's position is that if mitigation efforts fail, then the removal of the nuclear waste may become a primary option mandated by the professionals with scientific knowledge and expertise in the remediation of the radioactive waste in that landfill.

“While work continues to reach an agreed upon containment plan between the various agencies and the landfill owner, the Pattonville Fire District believes that adequate progress has not been made at this time.

“The District believes the system currently in place to contain the smoldering event in the South Quarry requires immediate improvements, including a timetable for a completion date for the expected remediation efforts and relevant data being provided to the District and other relevant experts. While we believe that these improvements would decrease the risk of the smoldering event reaching the radioactive material in the West Lake Landfill, we also believe that without adequate data and a timetable being provided by the landfill owner, the District will have to reassess its position on potential removal of the waste.

“Given the size and depth of the smoldering event, the District must rely on specialized expertise for mitigation planning and if needed, specialized intervention outside of the normal scope of its operational capabilities to prevent additional exposure to the community from unknown emissions caused by smoldering of the North Quarry waste.

“Over the past several months, the District has been an active participant in meetings and discussions about the ongoing smoldering event with the owners of the landfill and regulating

agencies in an effort to ensure the safety of our entire community. The District continues to work as a partner with other county, state, and federal regulatory agencies to determine the proper mitigation of this complex incident occurring in our community.

“As this event is becoming an incident of national prominence, the Pattonville Fire Protection District will be reaching out to our elected officials for their assistance. We are committed to utilizing all means necessary in working with our governmental and private partners to ensure the safety of our community.”

For further information:

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